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A bone implant having a surface comprising a bioactive material, said bioactive material having incorporated therein ions from one or more of the groups of the periodic table consisting of groups IIA, IVA, VIIA and transition elements, said bioactive material being a material that is capable of promoting bone growth onto the bone implant.